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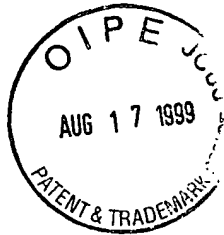
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Sir:

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the references listed in the enclosed form PTO-1449. Enclosed are copies of such references. Accompanying the Japanese '010, Japanese '683 and Japanese '361 references are English abstracts thereof, thereby providing statements of relevance. Also accompanying the Japanese '010 reference is a partial English translation thereof, thereby providing an additional statement of relevance. This reference also is discussed in the present specification, thereby providing an even further statement of relevance.

The U.S. patent corresponds to Japanese '857, thereby providing a statement of relevance.

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